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Written testimony submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly Housing Committee in support of HB 6588, An Act Concerning Rent Stabilization

Dear Representative Luxenberg, Senator Moore and members of the Housing Committee

My name is Patricia Spring. I am a resident of Moodus and a member of St Patrick and St Anthony Church. My congregation is a member of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA), a broad based organization of 49 faith institutions working together on this issue.

I am testifying in support of a HB 6633.,

I spent my 40 year career developing and advocating for affordable housing in the state of Connecticut through non-profit housing development. In the beginning of that career I had the naive belief that during the course of my work the affordable housing needs of Connecticut would be met. Obviously, despite efforts on the part of many nonprofit developers the goal was not reached. As a matter of fact the need for affordable housing has grown in this state and the resources to provide much needed new units has diminished.

I worked for years with suburban and rural communities in Connecticut who wanted to expand the affordable housing opportunities in their towns. Several towns, including Litchfield, Norfolk, North Haven, Glastonbury and Enfield, successfully developed affordable housing that they are proud of. As the housing market continues to be unattainable for so many people residing in our state we must take action to alleviate the problem and HB 6633 will aid in that effort.

As a christian, I take seriously the mandate to house the poor. As a resident of Connecticut I believe we morally need to address the needs of our community. I ask that you pass this legislation so ensure we take our commitment seriously.

Thank you,
Patricia Spring
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